

the top sheet includes fine convex portions of the particulate ~~material~~ materials partially exposed on a body facing surface of the top sheet and a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface, and a height of each protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that of each fine convex portion therefrom, ~~and so that apexes of respective protrusions extend toward a wearer's skin beyond apexes of said fine convex portions to define contact points which contact the wearer's skin~~
a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.

12. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a ~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μ m and 30 μ m, each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μ m, and

the top sheet includes micropores formed around the particulate ~~material~~ materials, fine convex portions of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet, a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface, and a height of each protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that of each fine convex portion therefrom, ~~and uppermost portions of respective protrusions defining contact points only at locations where said top sheet comes into contact with a wearer's skin~~

a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.

13. (Currently amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a

~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials,
and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the ~~particulate material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet and a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface, and a height of each protrusion being in a range ~~greater than 0.0837~~ between 0.05 mm to 1.0 mm and a mean particle size of said ~~particulate material~~ materials being in a range of 0.1 μm to 30 μm , each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μm .

14. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a ~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μm and 30 μm , each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μm , and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the ~~particulate material~~ particulate materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet, said fine convex portions including first fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a first particulate material having a first ~~grain~~ particle size and second fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a second particulate material having a second ~~grain~~ particle size which is greater than said first ~~grain~~ particle size.

15. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a ~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μm and 30 μm ,

each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μm , and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet and a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface of said top sheet, said fine convex portions including first fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a first particulate material having a first grain particle size and second fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a second particulate material having a second grain particle size which is greater than said first grain particle size, and a height of each protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that of each fine convex ~~portion~~ particle therefrom ~~so that apexes of respective protrusions extend toward a wearer's skin beyond apexes of said fine convex portions to define contact points which contact the wearer's skin, and~~

a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.

16. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a ~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μm and 30 μm , each mean particle differing in size by at least 9 μm , and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet, said fine convex portions including first fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of ~~first a~~ a first particulate material having a first grain particle size and second fine convex ~~portions~~ particles defined by exposing a part of a second particulate material having a second grain particle size greater than said

